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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

INVENTOR(S) : Toshiaki Murata, et al..

TITLE : **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
PURIFYING OXYGEN  
CONTAINING GAS**

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

MAIL STOP AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated February 13, 2004.

The Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.



Attorney Docket No.: KAWZ 2 00103

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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To the Commissioner for Patents:

Transmitted herewith is an *Amendment After Final* in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims remaining after amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For	No. of Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Rate
Total Claims	7	Minus	20	0	X 18	\$0.00
Indep. Claims	2	Minus	3	0	X 86	\$0.00
TOTAL					=	\$0.00

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
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☐ Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 06-0308.  
☐ Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and request a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00 to cover the applicable extension of time fees.  
☒ Applicants request any extensions of time that may be necessary and authorize the required fees be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-0308.  
☒ Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0308.

Respectfully submitted,

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